



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Yves SAVIDAN et al.
Title: MEANS FOR IDENTIFYING NUCLEOTIDE SEQUENCES INVOLVED IN APOMIXIS
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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated June 21, 2005, in which a response is due by August 21, 2005 with a one month extension of time, applicants hereby elect Group I, claims 1-9, drawn to a process for identifying in Graminae a nucleotide sequence orthologous to a sequence responsible for apomictic development. This election is made with traverse.

Applicants traverse on the grounds that there is no undue burden to search all of the claims.

Applicants reserve the right to file divisional applications directed to the subject matter of the non-elected claims.

Receipt of the initial Office Action on the merits is awaited.

Respectfully submitted,

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